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QUAKERS 23. Quæryes, ſubſcribed by *G. F.*

Which pretended Vindication had no Name to it, but was ſent by *Richard Heath* a Prieſt of *Shrewsbury*, unto *John Millington*.

Read this Book thorow, and you may find things in it that hath never been written nor printed. G.F.

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FRiend, Thy ignorance and deluſion is thy own, and Apoſtates in the Apoſtacy, the Miniſters therein you be, made of men, and by men and Schools, like Tradeſmen, and not by the will of God, as the Apoſtles were; ſo from them apoſtatiſed; and your ſouls you have delivered up to Hell, and ſold them for diſhoneſt gain, and with it makes Merchandize of others; and you are acknowledging the Doctrine of the old and New-Teſtament, and walking quite contrary unto it, and teaching up filthy Lucre, and Hirelings, and Shepherds that are greedy Dogs that can never have enough; and them that divines for Money, and preaches peace to the people that put in their Mouths, if not, prepare War againſt them, and caſt them into priſon for Means, till death; and this that you preach up, like Wolves makes prey of Lambs, and there you eat them up, like as people eat bread; the Gaols in the Nation witneſs: And this teaching of yours is contrary to the old and New Teſtament, and ſo you are out of the Will of God, your Labour and Teaching is diſcovered; all people are not blind, and you lead none but blind.

And you are in the deviliſh Doctrine, as your fruits declares, that you make a Trade of Saints Words, but your fruits declares you to be out of their life: Read *Jeremiah*, *Ezekiel*, *Micah*, *Iſaiah*, *Matthew*, and the Epiſtles.

And your fruits declares you to be no Miniſters of the Goſpel, but in the ſteps of the Phariſees, your fruits, *Mat.* 23. amongſt the Whited Walls, deceitful.

But what is that to you, that the Miniſters of the Goſpel which was not made by the Will of man, had their refreſhments in good things? this condemns you Hirelings that are ſet up like ſhops, & ſerves Apprentiſhips like Tradeſmen, you are nothing like unto them under the Law, nor under the Goſpel, for both thoſe are owned in their places, and the Scripture ſhuts you out, and ſo you are out of the honor of the Saints in the Miniſtration of the Goſpel.

Under the Law the tenth part of the Earth was to be offered up; but under the Goſpel men is redeemed out of it all; and you are like neither Law nor Goſpel; you are faln ſhort of the Law that was among the *Jews*, who was to have a Store-houſe, and all the Widows and Strangers fil'd; not a Beggar among them; Tythes given for this ſervice, and other ſervices of the Lord: But you are like unto the heathen, that take tythes, whoſe Beggars and Strangers are ſcattered up and down for bread: What is there not a Beggar among Chriſtians? What are you worſe then *Jews* that have Tythes? Oh! ſhame cover your lips! Do you not ſtink to all modeſt and ſober people? there is no place in the Scripture that the Apoſtles took tenths, or tythes; but you a company of poor, ignorant, ſottiſh men crept up through covetouſneſs, and makes a trade of preaching; and we are not ſatisfied with you that tell us we muſt give you tenths, and you give no Scripture for it from the Apoſtles, but your own Words; for if God had commanded the Apoſtles to take tenths, you would have found it before now, but it doth appear that the great ſervices you do, is to your own bellies; your Priſons declares it, and Courts and Seſſions.

Whatſoever you pretend, people look now at your fruits, and we are out of the Janglings of Words, and are come to the thing, and the ſubſtance of things; lay away your janglings about tythes, your Courts, and priſoning men

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to death for them, and perſecuting people becauſe they wil not mend the old Maſs-Houſe, and give the Clerk money for ſweeping it, and ringing the Chriſten Bells, and ſaying *Amen*, which is all gotten to be a trade. So you are examined.

Tythes was under the Law, to the Prieſthood made by the Law, and other Services; and the Law is changed, and the Prieſthood is changed, and the commandment diſannulled that gave them, and that Ordinance blotted out, as *Coloſſians*, *Hebrews*, and *Malachi*; and Chriſt the ſubſtance is come; Do you think the *Jews* doth not laugh at you that pleads tythes before the Law, and in the Law? Was not thou talking that you are Miniſters of the Goſpel, which is the end of the Law and all ſimilitudes? how art thou netled and put to thy ſhifts, that art crying up tythes and gifts, and going a begging for ſuch things, like thoſe that uſe to beg gifts of the King, & uſe to wrack people? The Apoſtles did not uſe going up and down, begging gifts; but your gifts have blinded your eyes, and hid you from the Wiſdom of God.

That which any one was moved to give to the Apoſtles, is juſtified; but are you like the Apoſtles, that caſts into priſon them that wil not give, (til death.) Shew where ever any of the falſe Prophets did thus; you have outſtripped them that cry Give, Give.

And the Pope was the firſt Author of your Tythes ſince the Apoſtles; and though ſome took them out of the Popes hand, yet he was the father of them, and you are his heirs, and the Biſhops ſteps you tread in, perſecuting them that will not give them to you, for you keep them in priſon till death, which never did the Biſhops; you Prieſts have pulled off the Surpliſs and Tippet, and pull'd up the Rails and Common-Prayer-Book, and yet you hold up Tythes, and there ſtands your life in the Tythes, there is your heir-ſhip; and tythes are forbidden in the Goſpel, for it was an Ordinance of God, as in *Mal.*3. and is blotted out, *Col.*2. and the commandment that gave them is diſannulled, *Heb.*7.

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And the Judges now doth as they did in the Biſhops time concerning Tythes in ſuch caſes, and worſe; and Tythes whiles the firſt Prieſthood was ſtanding, they was ſtanding; when the ſecond was come, they were ended; and then the Preachers of the Goſpel in the power of God, did not want any good thing, but they was not beggars and Bargainers with the people for it, as you are, who ſhews that from them you are apoſtatiſed. And Tythes many hundred years before the Law being paid to *Melchizedeck* from *Abraham*, out of the ſpoiles once and no more, then how is it that you Prieſts does not run after the Souldiers to take the tenths of their ſpoyles, who ſuite your ſelves with *Melchizedeck*, and let peoples inheritance and ſubſtance alone? but we tell you Prieſts, That Chriſt the ſubſtance is come after the order of *Melchizedeck* the ſimilitude, the likeneſs, who ends all ſimilitudes and likeneſſes, and was before *Abraham* was, and that the Apoſtle clears in *Heb.7.*

And ſo after the fall of the Pope and Biſhops concerning tythes, you ſtill their heirs enioy their inheritance and keep it.

And if *Melchizedeck* do ſtand yet a Prieſt upon Earth, when did ye meet him and give your Tythes to him upon Earth? Were ever Tythes given upon Earth to any from *Abraham*, but to *Melchizedeck* himſelf? and are you not like unto them that did not bring out your Bread and Water to him? And the Apoſtle clears Tythes to be denyed in *Heb.7.* before the Law, and in the Law.

What are you Miniſters of Wars, taking of ſpoils? The King of Righteouſneſs took them, without Father or Mother. Now you Prieſts, how ſuit you with this? have not you Father nor Mother? beginning of days, & end of life? which *Melchiſedeck* had none. When the Apoſtle had been ſpeaking of *Melchizedeck*, and of the Prieſthood that tooke tythes, he told them in *Heb.* 8. That Chriſt was the ſum of the things that he had ſpoken to them in *Heb.7.* and he doth not ſay that *Melchizedeck* lives to take the tenths of mens goods, or the outward ſpoil of Souldiers; and is not Chriſt the one offering once for all? And *Melchizedeck*

deck was a King that the tythes was given unto, who brought forth Bread and Wine to *Abraham*, whom he gave the tenths of the ſpoils, Are you Kings? And do you meet with Bread and Wine thoſe that comes from the ſlaughter? And do they give you the tenths of the ſpoile? Are you like *Melchizedeck* and *Abraham*? Do you walk in their ſteps here? Are you like Goſpel or Law? Come, let us try your ſteps, Where is your walking? Where is your Widows, Fatherleſs, Strangers and Storehouſes? And how preach you Chriſt the end of the Law, to bring people out of the Earth? Chriſt who is after the order of *Melchizedeck*, the Prieſthood that is of him who was before *Abraham* was, this is the Prieſthood that remains and abides for ever, and this is he the Apoſtle brought people unto, and ſo to the one offering once for all.

And the Popes miniſters, heirs and ſucceſſors, have been maintained with tythes ſince the dayes of the Apoſtle, and why do you wreſt the Scriptures and ſay that God maintained his miniſters before the Law with tythes, which was given out of the ſpoile once to one ſingle perſon? and though the Apoſtle ſayes, *Melchizedeck* yet liveth, he doth not ſay he yet takes tythes of the Souldiers ſpoyle and carryes bread and water to them, and takes the tenths of mens eſtates, neither did the Apoſtle ſet up any ſuch Doctrine that *Melchizedeck* did ſo.

Did God order *Baalams* wages, and the Popes tythes? hath not he made this proviſion for you? Doth not your garments ſmell of Popery, houſes and Barnes, and not of *Melchizedec*, Chriſt nor the Apoſtles.

And the Apoſtles never ſaid that Chriſt Jeſus the everlaſting prieſthood took tythes, and ſaid tythes belonged to them, and had a Law to take it by compulſion; and we never read that *Melchizedeck* priſoned any till death for tythes, and held them in Courts for treble tythes.

And ſo tythes have been enjoyed by the Popes Prieſts, and given to your holy Church (ſo called) which have apoſtatiſed, from the true Church and the Apoſtles.

And the ſum of tythes in the law, and before the law, and them that took them, is Chriſt.

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And the maintenance beſtowed upon the miniſters of *England*, was by the Pope and never yet changed, and when that is taken away, ſee abundance of Popiſh prieſts will lay down their trade, if they ſhould have nothing but what they planted for.

And doth not the miniſters of *England* take tythes when they take the tenth Cock, and ſhock, and fleece, and more then tythes &c. and where did the Apoſtles run up and down for tythes and ſmoke-peny. and plow-peny? And why do you lye ye miniſters of *England*, to ſay the miniſters of *England* do not take tythes? Why ſhould you be ſo wicked? do you not run up and down fields amongſt peoples cocks and ſhocks, and ſo the whole Nation may witneſs againſt you?

And though the Apoſtle ſaid they was made partakers of their good things, yet the Apoſtle doth not bid them ſet the tenth cock, ſhock and fleece for them? and ſo your taking tythes, and paying tythes hath been from the Pope, and not from the Apoſtles.

And ſo the Law is changed, and the Prieſthood changed, and the Commandment diſannulled; and ſince the Popes Law and Commandment hath been ſet up, for you take tythes by it.

And ſo the Law is changed, and the Commandment that gave them diſannulled, and the Prieſthood alſo changed that took them; and you prieſts that ſince have taken them, are crept up in the night, in which night all the evil Beaſts have come out of their Dens, but when the day comes they do not appear.

And ſo the people are forbidden to give or to take tythes under the Goſpel, for the Apoſtle ſaith the Ordinance is blotted out, and the prieſthood was changed that took them, and the Law was changed by which they took them; and the Law was changed by which they were made, and the Commandment diſannulled that gave them; and ſo the Authority was put down that commanded them, ſo there is no Authority ſtanding but the Popes that commands them, and his Succeſſors.

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So it is a ſin unto you to take away other mens goods, and a breach of the command in coveting of them, whoſe coveteouſneſs makes it ſelf manifeſt, who caſts into priſon them you do no work for, for tythes, who are apoſtatized from the Apoſtles, who coveted no mans ſilver, nor goods, nor apparel, which you do; the Fruits of your ſtraining of peoples goods you do no work for, makes you manifeſt.

And ſo tythes were ceremonial, as the Offerings and firſt Prieſthood; for the Apoſtle that preached the ſecond, never preached them up.

And all your uncivil clamours in Courts & Seſſions againſt people for them, the Nations begin to be aſhamed of you.

And the Apoſtle lived in the end of the Law, that received the good things of the people, and the taking away your Tythes is but the taking away your inheritance which the Pope hath given your Holy Church and Clarks, which are called Miniſters made by mens wills, all which is to be taken away by them which come into the Miniſtration of the Goſpel, the Apoſtles was in; for the Pope and the Apoſtates, and his Miniſters are fain to ſet up Tythes by a compelling Law, and Priſon, and Death, and trebble damages, they that will not give it them, that have loſt the power of God which ſhould open the hearts of the people, which power the Apoſtles were in.

And they run into the irrational impudence that run into *Balaams* gifts and wages, and the Popes Tythes, which you call your honourable maintenance, and ſo it is contrary to the Law of God poſſeſſed, and to the Law of the Nation; for the Eccleſiaſtical Courts and Judges are down, in which they ſhould be ſued in, for.

And the Teachers of the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, never aſſumed the tenth part of mens Eſtates, and kept them in the nineth part of the earth, but they went to bring them out of all the earth, and do you go about to keep them in the nineth part of the earth, becauſe you get the tenth? Popes Miniſters indeed! unlike the Miniſters of the Goſpel, who are the oppoſers of the people, and the juſt one, and Lambs of Chriſt.

And tythes is peoples own as well as the other, and is to be offered up all to the Lord; For the Earth is his, and the fulnes thereof, and we are redeemed from the Earth, the nineth part as well as the tenth: Ye Frogs that are creeping up and down the Earth.

As though men should buy the Lands, and not buy the Tythes, the tenth part of the Land, (but he buyes all) What shall I give the tenth part of the goods to the popish priests? Could I do so but I must uphold popery and the Ecclesiastical Courts and Judges, and spiritual Courts? Was not tythes given to be paid there for? And did not the one set up the other? And was not the pope and the papist the first Authors of all this? Did not the smell come first out from them? And is it not oppression to keep people in the nineth part of the Earth? Did not the Apostle go to bring people out of the Earth? And them that were redeemed out of the Earth, did he not say all things was theirs, things present, and which were to come?

You are the great troublers of the Country, as your Gaols and Courts do witness, and so you are men of bad consciences, not like unto them that preaches freely, the Apostles.

You complaine if you have not the Popes wages, and so your lying Writs flyes up and down the Nation like Hue & cry, who are the oppressors of the Nation that causes so many sighs & groanes of the just, but the Lord is hearing of them, and the Apostles never sent for Writs out of Courts to summon the People up that are 200. miles off, casting them in prison, not giving it, though the Apostles did write in the Epistles concerning their outward states and conditions, and the Apostle saith follow us as we follow Christ, and take us for your example, who had Christ for their example, who said it was more blessed to give then to receive; and said after his decease grievious VVolves and covetous should arise and not spare the flock, but make merchandize of them, whose stock and offspring you are, no ministers of the Gospel, but onely makes a trade of the Letter, so like thieves that come to steale, destroy and to kill, as Christ speaks of, whom his cry is gone out against.

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Hovv have you followved the Apoſtles, vvhich coveted no mans ſilver? that caſts men into Priſons, and brings them into Courts through your covetouſneſſe, that you do no work for? And your call is from *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, of men, and by men, vvhen you have ſerved an Apprentiſhip you get a ſhop of bookes, and ſet up your ſelves, and ſell out your vvares like Trades-men; and vvhen vvas any of you called from your Nets, Fiſhermen, to preach, not of men or by men, like the Apoſtles, you have loſt your example, and you may ſay not of God, nor by Chriſt, for you never heard their voices as you confeſs, but by *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, ſchooles and Colledges, and men, and ſo the Apoſtle is not your example, for they never ſued any for tythes, and a true Publicans ſtate you are not come to, but worſe then the hard-hearted *Jews*, for you never read that they priſoned any till death, (as you have done) for tythes.

And though the Apoſtles had ſome of them dvvelling houſes *Paul* had a hired houſe at *Rome*, yet you never read that *Paul* brought any before the Courts at *Rome* or caſt them into Priſon til they dyed for not paying tythes, as the Miniſters in this Nation have done in *Lancaſter* Caſtle, and *Glocester*, and many other places till they dye in Priſon; vvas *Paul* your example in this or the Devil ſpoken on in the *Revelation*, that ſhould caſt ſome into priſon? Have not you fulfilled the Propheſie? ſo the Apoſtle is not your example, you are not like unto him, who had the good things communicated unto them, but you muſt know the ſeven vials poured upon your heads, & plagues and woes, who ſet up theſe things ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles contrary to them.

And ſo you have likened, and put the Tythes to other mens earthly inheritances that is like unto your judgement in Wiſdom, for men had inheritances amongſt the Saints before the Tythes came up amongſt you, and they was to poſſeſs as though they did not, and ſo you are wrecking people ſince the Apoſtles about Tythes, and would injoy them as men do injoy their ſubſtance, men may injoy their ſubſtance from the Lord, whoſe the Earth is, when all you Catterpillars and ſtai-

ners of the Earth is rooted out by the ſpirit and power of God which the Apoſtles were in; ſo men may enjoy their inheritance when tythes ceaſe, which hath been ſet up by a corrupted pretended Miniſtry by the will of man: Do you not think the *Jews* Prieſts, and Pope does not laugh at you who have been your example in the Tithes? And ſo do you not follow the Pope who hath been your example, not the Apoſtles? and ſo has canker'd and corrupted the Earth by your hypocrital profeſſion? and ſo we do deny all that doth take tythes, the Pope being their example, and not the Apoſtle.

And many covetous people hath bought Tithes of the Colledges, whoſe Example is the Pope, and yet they will hypocritically profeſs the Apoſtles to be their Examples which are quite ſwallowed up in the Earth, out of the Apoſtles ſteps, corrupting the Earth as the Pope doth, ſuing and impriſoning people for the Tythes: And here is the Prieſts fruits who walk in the Popes ſteps, and hath him for their Example.

And there is a Scripture that God did promiſe that he would bleſs the obedient in Basket and in the Field, within & without, and the Apoſtle ſaid the Saints ſhould labour in the thing that was good; and them that was poſſeſſors as though they did not: And let every man abide in the calling that God hath called him, and labour in the thing that is good. And ſo they that preached the Goſpel, that lived on the Goſpel, you are quite unlike them, not treading in their ſteps, but the Popes, and your Gaols and Courts witneſs againſt you, and many places the Apoſtles came into, they were ſo far off from taking tenths of them, that they would not eat with them, and this is not the way to preach the Goſpel that you are in, for God will raiſe up a Miniſtry another way contrary to you, by the power and ſpirit the Apoſtles was in, who hath done it already to your ſhame, and hath ſhamed you

And ſo you would not preach without bag, gifts, Gleab-Lands, Tythes, Eaſter-reckonings, Midſummer-dues, ſtipends, augmentations, and here is the Popes Crowns on your heads, and *Baalams* mark in your foreheads: And the Apoſtles was not to carry the bag, but *Judas* that betrayed him, now mark in whoſe ſteps you go So we deal plainly with you, you are

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not Ministers of the Gospel; but we set up the Ministers of the Gospel that live of it, and brings people out of the nineth part of the Earth, the tenth was the Lords before; but we deny *Balaams* wages and the Popes gifts, Easter-reckonings, Midsummer-dues, Gleab Lands, Tythes that lies under all these things, and whoobub the old Masse-house and its Cross at the end of it, and their Christened Bells, and so we bid you give over deceiving the people for dishonest gain, for the work of the Devil you have been doing, in prisoning and Persecuting people for speaking to you, and your maintenance, and the Apostles work you are out of, and the power of God.

And you who pray when you are not moved by the spirit of God, are not sensible of Gods command who is a spirit, so you who be in your opportunity praying, are as the Pharisees, standing praying in the Synagogues, and rather worse, for you sell your prayers as well as your preaching, a yearly bargain for it by the hour-glasse, that you know how long to pray and preach by it; Is not this the Cup that you give the people? Yes, and the Whores Cup, come up since the Apostles?

When was there a Priest stood crying in the opening of the Gates like Wisdom spoken on in the *Proverbs*? And this Wisdom is not like the Pharisees chief place which Christ cryed wo against.

And Christ did not gain-say the truth when he cried wo to the Pharises that had the chiefest seat in the Assemblies, and this is not like unto them, as Christ saith, of taking the lowest room, and bidding them come higher, but you are found under the wo as he pronounced against, and so your pride and superiority the very World cries out against, seeing you in the steps of the Pharisees.

And the Apostle called the Saints the Sons of God, and is this damnable with thee? and this with thy generation is damnable, who are apostatized from the Apostles; and your preaching and praying in Pulpits is your Popes invention, got up since the Apostles, imitating the first Priesthood and the Pharisees.

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And your preaching is good in no place; being evil, how can ye give good? as your fruits declares you have not profited the people at all, but are such as sowes to the flesh, that so much corruption may be reaped in your Steeplehouses, towns, high-wayes and markets; and your preaching is not onely to get applause from men, but for means; and your publike duties are like the Pharisees, and many of your books are the Heathen Philosophers, and like unto the Books the Saints burn.

And *Timothy's* reading the Scripture who saw the fulfilling of them, who divided the Word aright, you are out of his steps, though he were a Bishop, he never took tythes, nor had not his Spiritual Courts to sue people in for not giving, and the end of their Writing and speaking from the Spirit of God, is, That people might come unto the substance, to God and Christ, and to know the Word that was in the beginning before Writing was.

And Books does not bring to this, but the spirit of God, which spirit has brought many people to see you, to which spirit you cannot come but as you lay down your Crowns.

And God never sent you, nor set you up, but men; your fruits declares you have not profited the people at all, but the fruits of the Elders spoken of by the Apostle, did profit the people; and so you and the Pope is found in the apostacy, in the imitation, you cannot endure daughters to prophesie when God sayes they shall, are you fit men to make Elders of for the work and service of God, or against it?

And you do not know the Woman *Jezebel*, your Mother the great Whore, whose flesh must be burned, spoken of in the *Revelations*, that is gone from the Husband, but the state the *Apostle* speaks of to the *Corinthians*, was *Eve* that had the Husband, that must not teach, must be in subjection, as saith the Law, but the mouth of Christ must not be stopt in the male, or in the female, the spirit must not be quenched where it is poured upon the Daughter, and it leads from under the Law.

And they that deny the Light within which Christ Jesus doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World with-

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all, denies the Lord that bought them, and be in the moſt intollerable blaſphemy.

None hold the Head, nor ſees the Son, nor hath him, but who receiveth the light within, which comes from him, which is of him, and from him; and ſo he that receiveth the light, receives the Son; and he that hates the light, and denies it, denies and hates the Son, and hath neither Son nor Father, but is that Antichriſt that is againſt him, the Murderers and the Priſoners of the Juſt; and the light will be your condemnation; and the Son in Judgement will give every of you a reward according to your works, who hath inlightened you, whether they be in the light, or out of it.

And are you not in Satans way, impriſoning, perſecuting till death in priſons? Are you not covetous and proud? Look through the Towns, who is more covetous then the Prieſts and their Wives? Are you not reſpectors of perſons, with your Caps and Hats, quite contrary, unlike the Royal Prieſthood? but Satans Meſſengers and Miniſters, all that be of God cannot but declare againſt you, ſeeing you walke ſo contrary to thoſe who gave out Scripture.

And you Miniſters have ſhewed that you do not know the Soul.

And the firſt principle of the pure Religion we muſt teach the Prieſts, which the Goſpel now is going forth to be preached to Tongues, and People, and Nations: The firſt Principle of the pure Religion is that which may be known of God, made manifeſt in them, which lets you and all men ſee when you do the thing that is not righteous nor convenient, but worthy of death for doing of it, which mens minds being turned to this, that they retain God in their knowledge, and his Covenant.

And *Baxters* fruits is ſeen, who is a Meſſenger of the Railers, who is out of the truth, like unto thy ſelf; and the Prieſts railings in their Pulpits, declares them worſe then the ſcolding people, where one muſt not be ſufferd to ſpeak to them without impriſonment, who are the Goats on the

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left hand, to whom the curſe is ſpoken; and many of you cannot be compared to Goats, who are worſe then Goats: And *Baxter* is confuted, and thee and all the Papiſts concluded in the apoſtacy from the Apoſtles, and we ſhall confute you all, Papiſts and all, by the power of God the Apoſtles were in.

And viſible miracles hath been done by the Lords power and ſpirit ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles amongſt us in the ſight of the World; and the deceivable ſigns, and lying wonders is amongſt you, and the Papiſts, and one of them ſtand on the top of the Steeple-houſe, the Croſs, and the ſigne you ſprinkle your children withall; and there is never a Miniſter in *England* can ſay that he hath brought any one without ſin, ſo cannot ſay he hath preſented any one to God perfect in Chriſt Jeſus; for ſin makes imperfect, and who are perfect, are out of the ſin, and that perfection that is in the ſin, is not of God, but ſtands in the ſin.

And your ſinging is of *Davids* faſtings; and you ſing that *David* faſted till he numbred his bones; and you ſing his cryes till his eyes were ſunk in his head; and the Apoſtles did not ſing but in the ſpirit of underſtanding that gave them to underſtand prayers, and faſtings, and cryings, from praiſes; which ſpirit the Prieſts of this Nation and the World wants; for they ſing altogether like a company of blind men & mad men, like unto your old Fathers that ſung the Creed and ten Commandments, and the Lords prayer; can you not ſee out of what a droſſie ſtock you came out of?

And there thou art, in the World, without the natural affections, condemned with the Light, and wants the Eye-ſalve, and ſo the Light that doth enlighten every one that comes into the World, thou doſt not ſee, and thou art anſwered fully to thy Anſwer.

Tythes is the tenth; and hath the Prieſts taken ſo long the tythes of mens goods, and doth not know what it is? and the Light which all are to believe in, is that which doth enlighten every man that comes into the World, which not believing in, is condemned.

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And you that ſtand againſt the Light which enlightens every man that comes into the World, are in the ſtrong deluſion, and Wiſdom has taught us to ſee the friviouſneſs of your lyes, without weight, and ſees you in the deep ſlumber, error and blindneſſe.

And all your maintenance is for your preaching, the Goale declares it that you will have of them you do not preach unto, you who are ſo abominable paſt feeling.

And they that lived on the tenth part, lived under the Law, not in the Goſpel; and you Miniſters are not contented with the tenth part, but you take trebble Tythes of them you do no work for; and that is contrary to the *Apoſtles*; and you are in the thought like Gentiles, worſe for your Tythes and your Writs, and your priſons to put them into, that you do no work for, which according to the *Apoſtles* Doctrine you was not to eat; ſo are a company of Miniſters of unrighteouſneſs that have meat of them you do no work for.

And the Miniſters of the goſpel hath the power which comprehends the World before the Letter was, which brings the people out of the earth, and opens their hearts, and you be in the need, thoughtfulneſs and covetouſneſs; and the Prieſts makes as though the Lord could not give inheritances unto men without Tythes, and ſo are ſo grounded in the Popes Doctrine, and ignorant of the *Apoſtles*; and the *Apoſtle* ſayes, them that was to be, was to ſtand in the will of *God*, and poſſeſs as though they did not.

And tythes is forbidden in the new teſtament, and in the miniſtery of the Goſpel, which you are out of, and their maintenance, you loſt the power, and the Papiſts when you ravened from the ſpirit of God that the Apoſtles was in, and then you ſet up tenths and your Goales and your Courts compelling people to pay, whether they heard you or no? And were not they to be ſued for in the Eccleſiaſticall Courts? And had not your Pope the tenth of tenths before the King? and have ye forgotten what is done in your fathers houſe, and that power that ended the tythes and the Prieſt that tooke them? the ſame power brought them out of the 9th part, which power you are apoſtatized

from, and got into the 10th part of the earth, and ſo bring people into the 9th: and ſo your hard-heartedneſs and the peoples, will let the widdows and ſtrangers, and the fatherleſs and the Lord have no part with you, but your Widdows and fatherleſs and ſtrangers and Goales, declares your miniſtery, and ſo the power of the Goſpel brings people out of the ninthes and tenthes both, and theſe are not made by the will of man according to the Popes order, but thoſe are made by the will of man according to the Popes order; Theirs will lead them into the ninthes and tenthes, and trebble, and caſt them into Goals and priſons till death, if they will not give it them (and have it beſides) and theſe are out of *Melchizedecks* order, but of the Popes tribe and off-ſpring, which God now hath made manifeſt.

And ſetting up the tenthes, hath been by the Apoſtates from the Apoſtles who deny tythes, and had more then tythes given to them, and that was not as *Annanias* and *Saphira* that denyed the tythes of the Prieſthoood, nor to deny the tythes of the Papiſts, but your takeing tythes is like unto *Annanias and Saphira* in lying and ſaying you are miniſters of Chriſt and are not, and ſo are all ſtruck dead in the earth and carryed out of the Church, out of the power of God which the Apoſtles were in, which fathomed the world, & out of the power which is now made manifeſt, with which you are comprehended.

And *God* is equal amongſt men, and his way is juſt and right; but you by the Eccleſiaſtical Courts do claim trebble Tythes, and do take more, yea the better part, ſometimes all that a man hath and it may be caſts him into priſon too, there is your propriety, and the Papiſts your Anceſtors have always claimed the tenths, not the Apoſtles: Now people may ſee who are your Anceſtors; but have you ſet up Almes-houſes with your Tythes? Is not your charity and love grown ſo cold that you will not preach to them except you have maintenance from them?

Men are not required by the Law of *God* to give their Tenths, but it is the Law from your Anceſtors, and not from the *Apoſtles*, but your Anceſtors which is apoſtatized from them

them; and we see, and it is manifestly come to pass, that all Priests labour is for their mouth and their back, and yet never satisfied; therefore make they such work about tythes and trebble tythes, and Courts, and get so many in prison; and we cannot own the Popes wages, the tenths, though you do, his Ministers, who follow your Ancestors.

The Ministry under the Law, and the Maintenance there is unfit now; for they was but to give up their tenths, but the Ministry now is to give up the ninths, and so to bring people quite out of the Earth, and from the first Priesthood; and this power ends the others authority that gives the tenths: Now the mysterie of the bottemless pit hath so darkned your eyes, that you neither know Law nor Gospel; and so you are in the need and the want, which is for want of God.

It is a feeble argument with you to say that the Priesthood is changed that took tythes, and the Law is changed, the Commandment disannulled that gave them, that have another Law and Commandment from the Pope and Priesthood that takes tythes, who hath honored you with tythe the tenths of the Earth; and hard it is for you to get that, who keeps people in the ninths, they are out of the power of the Gospel, and the Gospel-power which brings people out of the nineth and tenths power.

The Priests it seems would have the tenths, and you would have that which Christ said to the Apostles, *In whatsoever House ye enter, whatsoever they set before you, eat*; you would have this and the *Levites* portion both, which the true Apostles never coveted, that plainly appears that you are not Ministers of Christ, for you preach up Tythes, and Ordinances, and Commands, and the Apostle preached it down, the Ordinances and Commands that gave them.

The effects of the Ministry was wrought amongst the Jews when they laid all at the Apostles feet.

Though they had power to eat, and power to drink where it was set before them, but often would not the A-

poſtles uſe this power; neither would they cumber themſelves to ſerve Tables; and the Apoſtle tells you Prieſts (if you would hear him) concerning *Philemon*, that he laboured for ſupply for himſelf and others; and the Saints bountifulneſs towards him; all you Prieſts may ſpeak this to your ſhame; how doth your power make the people's bountifulneſs turn towards you? you muſt be fain to have your Courts, and your Writs, and your Bailiffs, and Priſons to get maintenanee from them you do no work for; ſurely ſhame muſt come upon you, and will come more upon you, that you ſhall be a ſtinck to all Nations, and a ſhame to the very heathen; for I know that the Name of God is blaſphemed through you

Goſpel-Miniſters are partakers of all good things; but is it not deceit and hypocriſie for the Prieſt who would be partakers of all good things of them they do not preach the Goſpel to, nor miniſter to? Doth not this Miniſtry prove it ſelf to be a lye, and ſtand in a lye, who will caſt them into priſon, and bring them into Courts they do not miniſter to? Is not this hypocriſie and deceit in the ſight of all ſober people, and make your ſelves as loathſom as the Frogs that comes out of the mouth of the Beaſt and falſe Prophets.

And *Matth.* 10. you would be meaſured by; the allowance of Chriſt is too ſmall for you, which ſhews your greedy earthly wills is ſtanding.

And we are acquainted with the Scripture, and ſees you quite contrary to them, and your maintenance quite contrary to the Goſpel-maintenance; and you have not the power to make your hearers to lay all at your feet, as the Apoſtles had; but you have your Bailiffs and your Writs, and your Eccleſiaſtical Courts to give you trebble tythes, you greedy Vipers and Wolves will priſon them till death, and have it too.

And ſo the ſtrangeſt kind of people contrary to Scripture, that ever got up ſince the Apoſtles; you will take all the mens goods that ever they have that you can lay your hands on, and lay them in priſon both; and you outſtrip them

them that are but partakers of all good things; and if you will have tenths, Why will you not take the tenths of mens children, and keep them? And why will you not maintain all the Widows, Strangers and Fatherleſs? And why will you not ſet up a Store-houſe if you will have tenths? Come Prieſts, pull of all your Points and your Ribbans, and your White Boot-hoſe-tops, and your double Cuffs, and maintain the Widows, and Strangers, and Fatherleſs; if you will have Tythes, and be plain with the people, and tell them you deny Chriſt come in the fleſh: for in Works you deny it, and you are Reprobates from it and every good Work.

It is a ſin now to give you Tythes, as it was a ſin in the time of the Law to keep it back; for they are tranſgreſſors in ſetting up that which the Apoſtles did throw down.

And the Miniſters of the Goſpel never required a Civil Magiſtrate to ſue their hearers for maintenance like unto you, apoſtates from the power the Apoſtles were in, ſo fallen in Wickedneſs, and the deadly ſin and ſhame both.

And ſo ſuch Miniſters as you, and your fore-fathers, your anceſtors, have your maintenance given to you by Laws that were made by men, and of men, which denies the allowance of Chriſt, and hath the allowance of the Eccleſiaſtical Laws, Tythes, and trebble Tythes, and often you trebble them again, your conſciences being ſo ſeared, you and your Bailiffs trebble them again, and caſt them into priſon beſides, and by your Laws you will take of them you do not preach to; are you honeſt Miniſters? Iudge your ſelves in this.

And where did the Apoſtles make uſe of the Magiſtrates power to take tythes for maintenance? Did not the Apoſtle denie the firſt Prieſthood, and ſay it was changed that held it up? and is the Papiſts the power of God, and the Eccleſiaſtical Courts? Why did you put them down which tythes is to be ſued in for? Did not they cry the higher power? and the Pope the firſt author of tythes ſince the Apoſtles? and was not that the higher power the Apoſtle

ſpeaks

ſpeaks of, that put down Tythes and the firſt prieſthood that took them, and diſannulled the Commandment, and blotted out the Ordinance that gave them; is not that the higher power that every ſoul muſt be ſubiect to? for it is known that the Apoſtles did not hold up Tythes, nor the firſt Prieſthood that took them, nor the Ordinance that gave them, nor the Commandment, nor the Law by which the prieſthood was made, when he bids every ſoul be ſubject to the higher power; that is higher then all thoſe things before mentioned.

And the Papiſts beſtowing upon the Church the Gleab-Lands, and their Eaſter-Reckonings, and Midſummer-dues, and Tythes which they beſtowed upon their Church; and all theſe things you may give your Father thanks, the Pope; and ſo this is not the power of the Goſpel, but the Papiſts power, who likewiſe gave large money for the Prieſt to pray for the ſoul of the dead that they might quickly come out of Purgatory; and this is like unto your Funeral Sermons, and preachings over the dead, and praying, for which no example you have from the Apoſtles.

The Apoſtles kept a good conſcience, and exerciſed it, who denyed the firſt Prieſthood that had the Tythes, and the Commandment and the Ordinance that gave them; and in this good conſcience he held the myſtery of faith; now you have made ſhipwrack of a good conſcience and faith, you and the Pope that have ſet up Tythes, Ordinances and Commands to give them, and your Writs, Courts and Gaols for them you do no work for, and will not pay you; and ſo theſe are they, the Papiſts and you, your Anceſtors, that have taken the tenth of mens goods and kept them in the nineth, which you have no right to, but onely from the Popes Power which was the firſt Giver of them in the apoſtacy, in the night of darkneſs; and ſo they that do deny the Popes command, and his Law, and his Authority who is the firſt Author of them, they are them that keeps a good conſcience whoſe ſouls are ſubiect to the higher power; (over the Popes power and authority in the apoſtacy)

poſtacy) in the power of God the Apoſtles was in; ſo they that take away Tythes from the people, they take away peoples Rights from them, without the Power of God, but by the Popes, and the apoſtates power, from the Apoſtles.

And the Apoſtle to the *Heb.* when he had ſpoken of Tythes before the Law, under the law, to the ſimilitude, likeneſs, like unto the Son of God, & Tythes to the Prieſthood under the Law, the change of the Law and Prieſthood that gave Tythes, *Now* (ſayes he) *of the things we have ſpoken, this is the ſum*; Chriſt was the ſum of theſe things, who is the prieſt of God, who is the end of *Melchizedeck* that received the tenths of the ſpoyle; Chriſt who is after his order; and dare you ſay, prieſts, that *Melchizedeck* remains a prieſt to take the tenths of all the ſpoile of the Souldiers, and he brings them out Bread and Water? Now according to your carnal outward reaſon, vvill not all the prieſts their ignorance appear in this, vvho claims *Melchizedecks* taking tythes when they put forth their Judgement amongſt ſober people? and is there any more prieſthood but Chriſt to be looked at to offer up for them, whoſe offering ends all offerings? Is any other King of Righteouſneſs to be looked at but Chriſt?

So men holds their goods by the power of God vvhich gives them the encreaſe with bleſſings with it; and you hold your Tythes by the povver of the Pope, vvhich the power of God puts dovvn, and the authority of his ovvn prieſthood that had them; novv vvho are in the povver of God ſees this.

So Chriſt hath ended Tythes, and you and the pope hath ſet them up, and that by theft and robbery of the Lord God, who is to have all the Earth delivered up to him, as it was in the dayes of the Apoſtles, vvho ended tenths and ninths, and brought people out of it all, into the povver of God, and Word, by vvhich all things vvas upheld. It vvas theft to keep back tenths in the time of the Lavv, the povver of the Goſpel to deliver up all; which povver you and your generation is out of, that are crept into

into the Earth with your tenths, and keeps people in the nineths.

True Christians are not made by the Law of man, neither is the true Ministers maintenance given by it, but by the authority of the second priesthood, that puts down the first and his tythes; in that power doth men hold that which they have from God; but your Tythes, Maintenance, Ministry, Offices, hath been from the Popes authority; all your Ministers maintenance is of man, and by man, onely having the form, denying the power the apostles was in, that brought the Saints to lay down all at their feet.

And *Eliahs* condition judgeth all you priests; it seems the Ravens fed him, and he did not seek to the powers of the Earth for maintenance, nor to the Jewes for Tythes.

The Apostle hired a house before the Popes authority came up that gave Tythes; so tythes is not as the farming of Land; and the Justice, Equity and Righteousness, and the higher power stands when tythes cease and is ended; with which power men are redeemed from the Earth, and comes to reign upon it; so here is nineths and tenths given up, and every man possessing in the Lord whose the Earth is; and the higher power has put down the tythes of the first priesthood; which higher power the apostle was in who enjoyed all blessings that was convenient; so there is no power that gives you Tythes since the Apostles, but the Popes.

And you priests think that no man can enjoy any thing from the Lord, for the Earth is his, (without the Popes authority and Laws) nay, the Saints that live in the power of God, and his Ministers shall be a top of the Popes Law and authority, and trample them to Dust and Dirt.

And so the preachers of the Gospel doth not live on the tenths, but they bring people out of all the Earth; but you Popes Ministers lives on the tenths, and keeps people in all the Earth, and there you are fighting and striving with them.

them for earthly things; and so it is not a strange thing to us that you deny the Apostles Doctrine that denies Tythes, the Ordinance and the Command that gave them, and the Apostle doth not plead for them any where, but when he hath been speaking of them, he shews them the sum of what he had been speaking, *Christ.*

And so you be in the shamelesnes, out of the Apostles doctrine, (in the sight of all people that be in the power of the Gospel) that takes Tythes, and preaches them up; and *Melchizedeck* taking Tythes was but only out of the spoil of the Souldiers, which was never known that he took spoil of the Souldiers after the Law, nor after the Gospel; nor the Apostle never preached that he should take Tythes and the spoile of Souldiers; but you Papists Priests preaches that he must take Tythes of mens goods, and you are unlike the Apostles, who said Christ was the sum, when he had spoken of *Melchizedeck* and the Tythes of the spoil. And now you may see your selves in this you are like Papists, and not like the Apostle, who is clear against Tythes in the Old and New Testament, as *Colossians* and *Hebrews.*

And so now we see the Priests, so they can get for their bellies, Tythe, no matter what way they get it, so they have it; and the Law is, That you should sue for Tythes in the *Ecclesiastical Courts*, & they should be the *Ecclesiastical Judges*, and so you Priests will turn to any thing so you can get but your Tythes; truly it is a grief to all sober people that ever you should take the Name of the Lord into your mouths, and you take the fifth part, and the fourth part too, oftentimes, more then *treble Tythes*, and besides that, cast a man into prison, & no let him come out til you have his life, & so you Priests will have the goods of men, & the bodies of men, & the life of men, witnes *Ashburner*, Priest *Shaw* had his Goods, had his body in prison until he had dis life. And witnes the Gaol at *Glocester*, there they had the bodies, and the life, and the goods. And witnes the *Fleet* at *London*, there they have their goods and their bdoies. Witnes the gaol at *Lancaster*, there the Priests gets the goods and the bodies. Witnes the gaol at *Horsham*, there they get the goods and the bodies; and the gaol at *Bi-*

ſhoprick, and the gaol at *Carliſle* and *York*, and moſt of the gaols in *England* may ſee the Prieſts have gotten the goods and the bodies of the people into priſon that they do no work for; Oh ſhame cover your faces to all modeſty! where you appear in the day, ye evil beaſts, Dragons and Wolfs, it is time for you to go to your Dens, the night is far ſpent.

And the Prieſts and you at *Shrewsbury* are in the darkneſs, who ſees not *the light who hath enlightened every man who comes into the World*, like the Jews Prieſts, *which ſhines in darkneſs, and your darkneſs comprehends it not*; ſo no true believers that has not paſſed from darkneſs whoſe minds are blinded by the god of the World: Now there is ſomething blinded whoſe hearts are hardened, and the Propheſie of *Eſaiah* is come upon you, and you are no true believers though you be enlightened, ſo you are no true believers in the light which is ſufficient, that ſhines in darkneſs, but you would be comprehending of it with your darkneſs, who be out of the true belief, faith and love, as the fruits of your gaols declares it, who be the natural men, not come to the light *that Chriſt doth enlighten every man that comes into the world withall*, and ſo who cannot receive the things of God, nor ſpiritually diſcern them; for the light is ſpiritual, and you being natural in the darkneſs, cannot ſee the light of the Son Chriſt Jeſus, the light of the Saints, nor light of goſpel, which is the image of God, nor your ſalvation, nor the common ſalvation which doth *enlighten every man which doth come into the world*; ſo you are all void of faith, and the knowledge of God; for none comes to the faith, the knowledge of Chriſt and God, but who comes to the light which Chriſt hath enlightened every man which comes into the world withall.

And none knows Scripture to what conditions they were ſpoken unto, but who comes to the light which Chriſt hath enlightened them withall, nor none are Miniſters of Chriſt but who comes to the light, and knows it which Chriſt hath enlightened every one that come into the world withall; ye that doth not know that, are Miniſters of darkneſs that cannot comprehend the light.

And Christ which doth inlighten every man that comes into the World, is the excellent light, and none sees his excellency but with the light; and this is the light which the priests of the World keeps such a stir against, that calls it natural and created, which was before natural and created was; for all things was made by it, and the Scripture doth not tell us of a natural light, nor super-natural, but of the Sun, Moon and Stars, which was made by Christ the light, that came a light into the World, *which doth enlighten every one which comes into the world.*

And this is not a natural Light, but a Common Salvation; a natural light is Sun, Moon and Stars, which is the priests light, and not the *light which doth enlighten every man which comes into the world*; and the priest cannot teach the knowledge of the Scriptures, who denies the *light which hath enlightened every one which comes into the world*; and that light makes manifest their apostacy, and turns them Wise men backward, and confounds their Wisdom, and brings their understanding to nought, and Babes and Sucklings out of their mouths hath the Lord ordained strength.

And the Scripture doth not work faith, but Christ and God by his power, in which their faith stands. But the priests sayes Scripture works faith, and sets faith on work, and the Scripture sayes it works by love.

So the Scripture did not make the *Jews* wise unto salvation, as it hath not made the priests apostates and papists, no wise unto the light *that doth enlighten every man that comes into the world*; though they have the Scriptures in their darkness, yet the darkness cannot comprehend that light; the Scripture is able to make wise unto salvation through the faith, who be in the *light which Christ hath enlightned every man which comes into the world withall*, with that they see the end of the Prophets, who propheſied of salvation.

And the priests drawing people from the light which doth enlighten every man withall, draws them from Scripture, and from that by which they should be saved, and

from the light which ſhines in their hearts, which ſhould give them the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Chriſt Jeſus; and ſo are the Devils Miniſters, falſe Apoſtles and apoſtates; and ſo draw people from God, and from inſtruction of the ſpirit, into the Devils Way, out of the truth, which is the light, who cannot endure to hear talk of the light within, he and his Miniſters being gone out of it.

And ſo you ſpeak the Scriptures in your own earthly underſtandings, having no more light then the Sun and Moon, and denies the light within: And you prieſts, your title hath come from the pope, and Name from his order, and all your degrees in your Schools, and not from the Apoſtle, who was of the Royal Prieſthood; for you be out of that power, and receive your prieſthood from another Order, and Tythe and Maintenance, the popes Supremacy, and not the Apoſtles; ſo when you deny the Popes Tythes, Maintenance for his prieſts, and his Schools, and Colledges, and Degrees, and his old Maſſe-Houſe, with the Croſs at the end of it; and the Jeſuits Order of black Coats, and comes to the light that Chriſt hath enlightned every man that comes into the World withall, and ſpeak freely, and come into that power the Apoſtles was in, We will ſay then, You are of the Royall Prieſthoood.

And if you would have a proof that your Tythe is from the papiſts, look the Pope and Biſhops Canon, and there you may ſee your root, and your firſt authority and ſupremacy apoſtatized from the Apoſtles; and all that are out of the apoſtacy, in the power the Apoſtles were in, denies the receiving any thing from the popes uſurped authority; but you prieſts are flying thither to your head and original for your maintenance and Miniſtry, which be all apoſtatized from the life and power the Apoſtles were in, and the Saints are now in; and your title of Parſon and Vicar is from the pope, as you may look in their Law-Books, and the noiſe that is amongſt the prieſts chiefeſt Courts in the Nation, Tythes, Tythes, Tythes, as though they

they would ſwallow up all people, and eat them up like bread.

And *Paul* was what he ſpoke, which the prieſts of the World are not; but they are ravening Wolves, with ſheeps clothing on their backs, as their priſons, goals, courts, houſes of correction declares it, which theſe Wolves hath made their Dennes to put the Lambs in to be their prey.

And ſo the Miniſters of the Goſpel was never called Vicars, Curates, Clerks, Batchellers of Art, Batchellers of Divinity, Maſters of Art, Students, Fellows, Proctors, *&c.* By this you are of the popes Tribe, out of the Apoſtles power.

The prieſts ſee no further then with their bodily eyes, and denies the light that doth enlighten every man that comes into the World; and there they be in darkneſs cavilling about light, and taking their joy like heathen in their earthly things which the bodily eye beholds, their eye being blinded, and they can ſee no further then the natural Sun, that ſees not the *light which every man is enlightned withall*, and ſo come not to Chriſt in whom there is *light that doth enlighten every man that comes into the world*, and the prieſt ſaith it is the Scripture that Chriſt doth enlighten every man that comes into the World withall; Every man that comes into the World hath not Scripture, and the Scripture is not Chriſt, but he was before Scripture was given forth and written; and ſo the treaſures of Wiſdom is hid from you, and knowledge and riches; & you are ſeen with the light that Chriſt hath enlightened every man that comes into the World withall; for the Jews had Scripture, and knew not Chriſt this light; and the apoſtate Miniſters of the Popes Tribe ſayes, that the Scriptures is the light that doth enlighten every man that comes into the World withall; and the Jews that had the Scriptures ſtood againſt the light as the apoſtatized Chriſtians do now, and ſo had not knowledge, for the light gives knowledge; and the Word, the entrance of that Word is many peoples Lanthorn to light them out of the night of apoſtacy,

ſtacy, and from the apoſtates that puts letter for Light and Lanthorn; for the *Jews* had the Lanthorn, and ſaw not Chriſt; and you with that Lanthorn does not ſee the light which every man that comes into the World is lighted withall.

And the Miniſters of the Goſpel they were the light of the World, and ſhined as lights in the World; but your Priſons, and Courts, and Gaols, and Houſes of Correction, and making havock, and ſpoiling peoples goods, ſets forth your ſhining for a company of greedy dogs that can never have enough, and ravenous beaſts.

And you ſhew that your Works be out of the Son and the Father, and quite out of the ſtate that they was in that gave forth Scripture.

And ſo you are as the Gentiles, that what you know is by viſible things, and believes not in the *light that doth enlighten every man that comes into the world*; who are reproved by the ſpirit which leads believers in the light into all truth, and ſo are found in the ſpirit of the World, and not knowing the things of God which is given forth of them who received of God; which has not the ſpirit of the world, but which is of God; and none comes to this out of the bottomleſs pit, where there is no foundation, but who comes to the *light which Chriſt hath enlightned them withall*, and there they come to the Rock, the Foundation of God; and ſo you are like unto the brute beaſts, in *Cain* and *Corè* Way, who are ſeparated from the ſpirit of God the Apoſtles was in, and what you know, you know as natural brute beaſts, out of your old Books, Schools and Colledges.

And you being from the *light which doth enlighten every man that comes into the world*, you are from the hope of the high calling; your minds are blinded, you are from that which ſhould give you the knowledge, and hardneſs and blindneſs hath happened to you, and ſo from the perfect knowledge; and what you know is but natural, by the Sun, & the Sun all men cannot ſee it, but all men that are come into the World are lightened by Chriſt Jeſus, which is not natural.

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And ſo you are in the dimneſs, and dim-ſighted, and you are from the light that is ſufficient to ſalvation; and from the *Church* which the Grace hath brought the Saints to; and the *light* is ſaving *which doth enlighten every man that cmes into the world*, which is common ſalvation; and none comes to the knowledge of God but by that; and your darkneſs that cannot comprehend the light which hath enlightned every man which comes into the World, but calls it a dim light, who cannot get into it by your Wiſdoms, and knowledge, and underſtandings, but it is that which ſhall confound it all.

And we call the light which doth enlighten every man which comes into the World, the light of Chriſt who doth enlighten them; and we call the Sun, Moon, and Stars, lights made by Chriſt.

And the light that every man is enlightened withall that comes into the World is ſufficient; for the ſame light that enlightens the Saints, enlightens the World, and is ſufficient for him that believes in it, to ſave him, and condemn him that doth not.

And the Prieſts holds forth that there is a truth which is not Chriſt and God, and ſo calls them groſly ignorant that doth ſay the contrary, and ſayes the Apoſtles ſaid he ſpoke the truth, therefore was he Chriſt? I anſwer and ſay, All truth is in God and Chriſt; where there is any truth in men, it is from him, and of him, who ſpeakes truth, and doth truth, its from Chriſt the truth; and all untruths is of the Devils, who is out of truth in the world; and all you prieſts that be from the light, and ſtand againſt it that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, be all from truth, and out of truth, and from Chriſt and God, from whence all truth comes that is amongſt men whatſoever, who gives every man a light to ſee him and know him, loving it who is the maker of all lights, and Creator of all that are created, and gives a man light to ſee beyond the created, the Creator of them; and this is that that gives the knowledge of God, and of things viſible and inviſible.

And the Prieſt ſaith there is a truth which is not God and Chriſt; and the Scripture ſaith, He is God of all truth, and Chriſt is the truth, and no man comes to the Father but by him; and no man comes to the Truth but by Chriſt, and all his Words are truth, and all his Commandments are truth; and mens thoughts are vain; and every one that doth truth, loves the light; and every one that doth the truth, comes to Chriſt; the Prieſt ſayes there is truth in their thoughts and Words; but Chriſt who is God and man, is another thing then that truth that is in their minds; then that is untruth which is not him; and ſo let God be true, and all men lyars.

And you which are not come to the light which Chriſt hath enlightened you withall, are in the untruth; for where truth is, there is Chriſt, for he is the truth, and his Words are truth; but what have you to do to talk of Chriſt and truth, that ſtands againſt his light, whoſe unſoberneſs in this appears.

And the light which doth enlighten every man which comes into the World, by which men are ſaved, the natural is made by it; and you that draw people from the light which every man is enlightened withall that comes into the World, are them that make Sects.

But you are them that calls that light which enlightens every man which comes into the World, natural and darkneſs, as inſtance the Prieſt of *Kingſton*; and ſo all your profeſſions of Scripture, God, Chriſt, Truth, and being from the light, you are all with it iudged and condemned.

And you and the ſaid *Jews* are one in nature, being from the light which hath enlightened every one which comes into the World, and ſo erres, not knowing the Scriptures; which light ſhould give you the knowledge of them, and of God, and ſo you know neither Law nor Teſtimony, that be from the light, for the Law is light, and the Teſtimony of JESUS is the Spirit of Propheſie.

And the light that ſhines in a dark place, your darkneſs cannot comprehend, though you have all the Scriptures,

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and you that turn people from the light that Christ hath enlightened every man that comes into the World withall, turns them into darkneſs, and ſo ſtops their eyes, and ſtops their ears, and are like unto the *Jews* that Christ bid ſearch the Scriptures, that never heard the voice of God, but thought to have had life in the Scriptures; and you are not like the *Bereans*, but the *Theſſalonicans* that perſecuted; and ſo them that turns to the light, turns from you Miniſters of darkneſs; for you have not been the openers of Scripture, but the bringers of People on heaps one amongſt another, and are apoſtatized from the ſpirit of the Saints which opened the Scriptures, and ſhewed the fulfilling of them, which brought people into the life and power which they were given forth from.

And ſo you prieſts that denies the light which every man that comes into the World is enlightened withall, are the Houſes of darkneſs, and your ears are ſtopped to the light, who are all apoſtatized from the Apoſtles, Popes Miniſters, Popes Tribes, apoſtatized from the light that ſhines in the heart, to give People the knowledge, *&c.* And ſo all your means is to be iudged and denyed, which you ſell for money and moneys-worth, which did not the Apoſtles and the Prophets; and the Apoſtle does not ſay as you Prieſts ſayes, That which may be known of God manifeſted in the Gentiles, is viſible, as the Prieſts doth, which calls the light of Chriſt natural; and no one can know the viſible things, nor inviſible thing from the Creation, but as they come to know that of God in them; and they that ſend people from that of God in them, into the viſible, are not the Miniſters of Chriſt that brings all people to that of God in them which they have been eſtrayed from; with that they know God and Chriſt; and the natural man as it is written doth not know the things of God; therefore that which lets to know the things of God which is inviſible, and his God-head, is that of God in people, for that which may be known of God is manifeſt in them.

And that which brought the Gentiles to do the thing contained in the Law, which is a thing of God, it was that of God in them.

And what have you to do to talk of Jew, Gentle, and Apostle, who are not like the Jews that keep the Law, that had the Store-house and Tythes, nor like the Gentiles that did the thing contained in the Law, but like those Jews that caused the Name of God to be blasphemed amongst the heathen, therefore is the Name of God blasphemed by you amongst the profane people, whose conversations are in the Earth, not in Heaven; and who are believers Jews, or Gentiles, come to the end of the Law who are the true Christians; if the Jews professing the Law, and walking contrary to the Law, (the gentiles doing by nature (without a command) the thing contained in the Law) this judgeth the Jews as them you call Heathen; doing the thing contained in the gospel, you professing of it, not doing of it; shall judge you, that is to say, your unmercifulness, and the mercifulness which hath been shewed more then yours to them, which hath come amongst them, which hath been amongst you.

And so you are in the state of unbelief, that be estray, and doth not good, whose Throat is an open sepulchre, under whose Tongue is the poyson of Asps, whose feet are swift to shed blood, your gaols witnesseth, who hath not known the Way of Peace, nor hath any fear of God before your eyes, and so out of the Apostles Doctrine in the Popes, from the Light, out of the converted state, who are vain in your imaginations, whose fooliſh hearts is darkned, professing your selves wise; and are become fooliſh, who is filled with unrighteousness and covetousness, maliciousness and envy, murther and debate, and back-biters, whisperers, haters of good, despiteful, inventers of evil things, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affections, unmerciful, &c. Now these be your fruits, your Courts and your prisons will shew it, who are without God in the World, and strangers to the Covenant of promise; blind guides, who are from the light which Christ enlightened every one withall; so are from the hope, so haters of the light, haters of God, and cannot

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ſee the ſtate that the Apoſtle ſpeaks to the Jevvs and gentiles not converted, how he equally meaſures them; but you are in the ſtate of darkneſs, that is your time, not in the light of the Lord.

And that which gives to ſee the Law, and ſhew the Law, is beyond the corrupt nature in Jevv, in gentile.

And you never ſee the Covenant of light to the gentiles, & the new Covenant to the Jevvs, but as you come into the light which enlighteneth every man that comes into the World, neither are you Preachers of it.

And vvho comes to the light, comes to the Scripture; and vvho comes not to the light, comes not to the Scripture, and the thing it ſpeaks of; ſo you are them that ſtumble at the light which enlighteneth every one that comes into the World; and you ſtumble at the Prophet which every one ſhould hear.

And ſo you ſay Chriſt that doth enlighten every one that comes into the World, is not ſufficient to ſalvation, which not believing in, are condemned; and all that walks in the light which doth enlighten every one which comes into the World, walks in that which doth condemn you all; with vvhich light they ſee that of God in the Jevv, and in the gentile; vvith vvhich they knovv vvhen they do the thing that is not convenient nor righteous, but vvorthy of death; and hovv that the judgement of God comes upon them that take pleaſure in unrighteouſneſs, and act contrary to that of God in them; with which light you are all ſeen, acting contrary to that of God in you, who ſhall receive vvorthily from the Lord according to your doings, a reward.

And you (contrary to Chriſt and the Apoſtles) ſay, following the light is not ſufficient to ſave; the Apoſtle ſayes, He that follows the light, and believes in the light, ſhall not be condemned, nor abide in darkneſs; ſo you will make people believe if they follow Chriſt they ſhall not be ſaved, for he is the light, and the light which every man that comes into the World is lightened withall, gives him the knowledge of his ſalvation, and the Scriptures; and the Scriptures do not without the light and the ſpirit was in them that gave it forth; for

the Jevvs and you have Scripture, yet neither you nor they had the knowledge of ſalvation, that ſtand againſt the light which doth enlighten every man that comes into the World.

And all you that are from the light within, are in death and damnation, which the light leads from it to ſalvation; and the Prieſts of the World ſaith, That the light within the (Scripture ſaith) wil lead into darkneſs, death and damnation, who are in the death and damnation themſelves, Miniſters of lyes, the Scripture ſpeaks no ſuch thing; for are you not killing and haling out of your Synagogues, and thinking you do God good ſervice, and neither know the Father nor the Son, nor his light which doth enlighten every man that comes into the World withall?

And they that know not the Father nor the Son, go from the light within; and *Paul* was from the light within, onely profeſſing Scripture without, like you when he perſecuted; and this proves you all unconverted who are not come to the light within, but onely Miniſters of the *Letter*, making a Trade of the *Letter*, and ſo going on the wrong Way; for when *Paul* was converted, he told others when he was a Miniſter of Chriſt, *The light that ſhined in their hearts would give them the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Chriſt Jeſus.*

And here you all prove your ſelves unconverted by Scripture, and you are all in the gentiles ſtate, alienated from the life of God; that is, being in the Tranſgreſſion, and ſomething is tranſgreſſed in you, which Covenant brings Jew and gentile out of Tranſgreſſion, a Light believing in it; and you Prieſts that denies the light which enlightens every one which comes into the World, denies Chriſt the Saviour, and are that Antichriſt that Chriſt ſaid ſhould come, that *John* ſaw was come, which went forth from them, which in you ſince has reigned.

The Miniſters of Chriſt turned people from darkneſs to the light, and they told them it was within them, and they bid them *believe in the light and they ſhould not come into condemnation.* This was Chriſts words which the Miniſters of darkneſs

darkneſs, the Meſſengers of Satan, ſayes it is not ſufficient, for there is none knows Scripture, or gave forth Scripture, but it was from the light within them, and that was ſufficient to lead them to give forth Scripture, who were learned of God and Chriſt the Father of light and life; and God will dwell in men, and walk in men, and that is ſufficient, but not to you Miniſters of darkneſs.

And ſo our queſtions have tryed you, and made you to judge your ſelves, and made you to manifeſt your ſelves, which has tryed you as Chriſts queſtions tryed the Phariſees, which made them to judge themſelves; and we know you would not loſe the World to come into the light which is Chriſt the Saints Way; and you are not under the Goſpel, nor truly under the Law ſubjected, ſo from both their maintenance, and we know that you cannot, nor are not able to anſwer to the queries, nor the thing it ſelf propounded to you, who have long gone under the Name of Miniſters of Chriſt by the ignorant people, but now in this the day of the Lord are made manifeſt; and we are ſober who have comprehended you root and ſtock, to be ſeparated and erred from the power the Apoſtles was in.

The Miniſters of the Goſpel never deſired the tenth part, for the Apoſtle ſaid he had power to eat, and power to drink, that was not the Tenths; moreover he ſaid he had not uſed his power to eat amongſt the *Corinthians*, whereby to keep the Goſpel without charge, therein he kept his glorying, and the Apoſtles example ſhews that he did not take Tenths, and the keeping the flock, eating the milk, doth he eat the tenth? And planting a Vinyard, and eating the fruit, muſt he eat the Tenth? I, but come Prieſts, come; the Apoſtle would not uſe his power though he ſpake this, and he brought them out of the ninth and the tenths both, away with your hypocriſie & covetouſneſs, but what have you to do with to ask of Apoſtle? ask of the Church of *Rome* what your old Canon ſayes, your Father the Pope, there is no talk of the tenths amongſt the Apoſtles for their maintainance; truly I am aſhamed of you, and you will be troubled until you come into the power the Apoſtles was in, who brought people out of the tenths

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and ninths; before you come to that, you muſt come to the light that receives the power, and denie all your Schools and Maſſe-houſes, and Tythes, and all that ever the Pope hath ſet up in *England* to make Miniſters in, thoſe Schools I ſpeake of; for the glory is ſhined forth, and her brightneſs is ſhining, and he is riſen that will make the Popes Kingdom totter; for the foundation of God is ſeen that ſtands ſure; and all apoſtates which made up the Popes Kingdom, and apoſtatized from them, broken into ſeveral foundations, they will break them into pieces, even they who ſtand in the foundation of God; and it will break to pieces theſe foundations, who ſtands with the foundation of God; Chriſt will rule and reign who is come to ſet up his Kingdom.

So all ye called Miniſters, come to the light which Chriſt hath enlightened you withall, that you may know his maintenance differing from the Popes; leſt ye be all condemned by this light, and ſlain by him; for the light is your condemnation, and every mans upon the Earth which doth not believe in the light which Chriſt doth enlighten them withall, & ſo you have been the woomers of the Lambs; but the Lambs and the Saints ſhall have the victory; and if you were the Miniſters of Chriſt, and not the Popes why do you put us in priſon till they dye, and hale us before Courts, and ſpoile our goods, and thus priſon us for maintenance that you do no work for? How do you bring trouble to a Nation in this manner? Do you not believe that this is the way that God hath tryed you and made you manifeſt to be out of the power that the Apoſtle was in? though you have ſaid you was his Miniſters, have you done the works of his Miniſters? In your works and actions you have denyed them, and your fruits are very unlike theirs. I am perſwaded if the powers of the Earth did not hold you up, you could not tell what to do, a company of Prieſts run creeping up and down with Petitions; Oh ſhame! learn to threſh, get a flock, plow, and ſow, and plant; are you like them that brings glad tydings, with their feet o'th the top of the Mountains?

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